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SOMEWHERE IN THE
NEVADA DESERT...

I SLEPT LONGER
THAN I INTENDED
TO. LOOK AT
THE TIME.

IT'S MY TURN
TO BE ON
WATCH.

SCOOBY APOCALYPSE *FUR AND FANGS!*

MONSTERS, MAYHEM AND APOCALYPTIC ANTICS COURTESY OF...
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FRED AND SHAGGY ARE STILL OUT COLD--AND WHO CAN BLAME THEM AFTER EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH?

FIGHTING HORDES OF BLOODTHIRSTY CREATURES. BREAKING OUT OF THE COMPLEX AND RUNNING FOR OUR LIVES IN THAT SO-CALLED MYSTERY MACHINE.

IT'S A WONDER WE ALL HAVEN'T HAD COMPLETE NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS.

I HOPE DAPHNE'S NOT UPSET BECAUSE I'M LATE FOR MY SHIFT. SHE'S BEEN ON WATCH FOR HOURS AND--

DAPHNE...?

WHERE IS SHE?
DAPHNE!

CALM DOWN, DINKLEY--

--I'M RIGHT HERE.

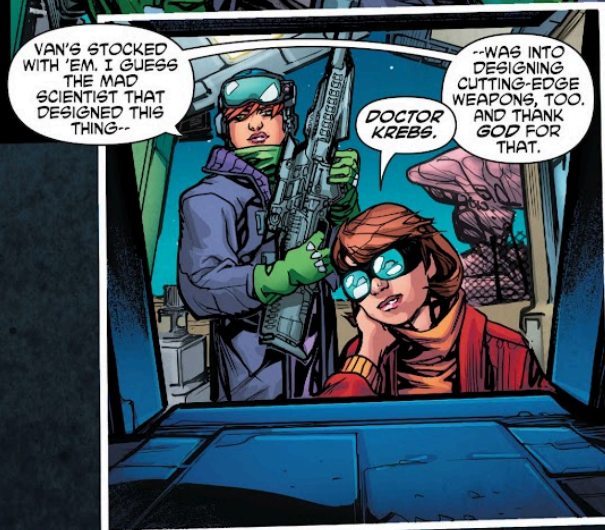
GOOD. FOR A MOMENT THERE I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN--

--TORN TO PIECES BY A RAVENOUS MONSTER? WERE YOU ACTUALLY WORRIED ABOUT ME, DOC--

--OR JUST CONCERNED THAT YOU MIGHT BE NEXT? ON SECOND THOUGHT, DON'T ANSWER THAT.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?

FOUND IT IN THE VAN. I WAS RUMMAGING AROUND IN THE BACK AND--





THIS
PLAGUE THAT'S
TRANSFORMED
PEOPLE INTO...
WHATEVER IT IS
THEY ARE--

WE
HAVE NO
IDEA HOW
FAR IT'S
SPREAD.

FEELING
GUILTY, DOC?
AFTER ALL,
YOUR **NANITES**
CAUSED
THIS.

WE DON'T
KNOW
THAT FOR
SURE.



I THINK WE
DO.

HOW MANY
TIMES DO I
HAVE TO TELL
YOU THAT
**PROJECT
ELYSIUM--**

--WAS
MEANT TO
MAKE HUMANITY
BETTER?
KICK-START A
NEW GOLDEN
AGE?

YOU **KEEP**
TELLING ME THAT,
DOCTOR DINKLEV--BUT
I'M NEVER GONNA
BELIEVE YOU.



I...AH...THINK
I'LL RUN AN
INVENTORY OF
KREBB'S
WEAPONS.

YEAH--



--YOU DO
THAT.

I'LL TAKE A
PEEK AND SEE
HOW THE
BOYS ARE
DOING.

SLEEPING
LIKE BABIES.

I HOPE FRED'S ALL
RIGHT. WE ALMOST
LOST HIM AFTER HE
WAS ATTACKED BACK
AT THE COMPLEX--



--AND I DON'T
THINK I COULD
GET THROUGH
THIS WITHOUT HIM.

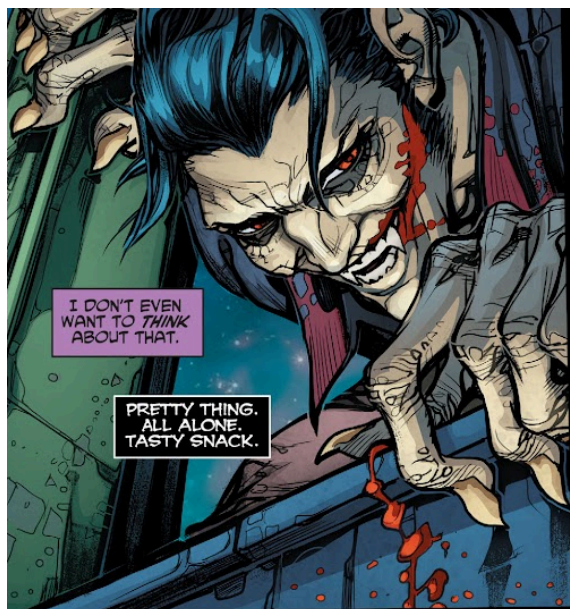
OF COURSE
THE REAL
QUESTION
IS--CAN WE GET
THROUGH THIS
AT ALL?



BEST-CASE SCENARIO? THE PLAGUE
WAS LIMITED TO THE COMPLEX AND
THE **FESTIVAL** SITE ABOVE IT.

...RUNNING...

WORST-CASE
SCENARIO?



I DON'T EVEN
WANT TO *THINK*
ABOUT THAT.

PRETTY THING.
ALL ALONE.
TASTY SNACK.



TEAR HER
FLESH.

PIERCE HER
VEINS.

DRINK
HER
BLOOD.

MAKE HER
ONE OF US.



COME BROTHERS
AND SISTERS: RISE/
GREET THE NIGHT!

TOGETHER WE'LL FEAST.
DEVOUR THEM ALL, ONE
AFTER ANOTHER.

AND OUR FAMILY
WILL GROW.

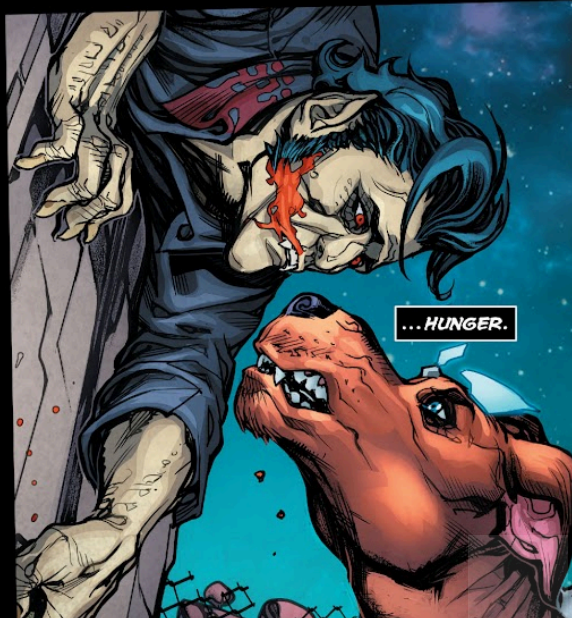


FAMILY? I HAD
ANOTHER FAMILY.
ONCE. AT LEAST...
I THINK I DID.

SO LONG AGO.
OR WAS IT
YESTERDAY?

NO, THIS IS ALL I
EVER WAS, EVER
WILL BE.

A CREATURE OF
RAW DESIRE. AND
UNYIELDING...



...HUNGER.



VELMA!



WAKE
FRED AND
SHAGGY!

ARE
WE UNDER
ATTACK?

SURE
SOUNDS LIKE
IT!

THEN
GET IN THE
VAN! WE'VE
GOT TO RUN.
NOW!

NOT WHILE
SCOOBY'S OUT
THERE! I'M NOT
GONNA STAND BY
WHILE THAT POCH
GETS TORN LIMB
FROM--



--LIMB...P

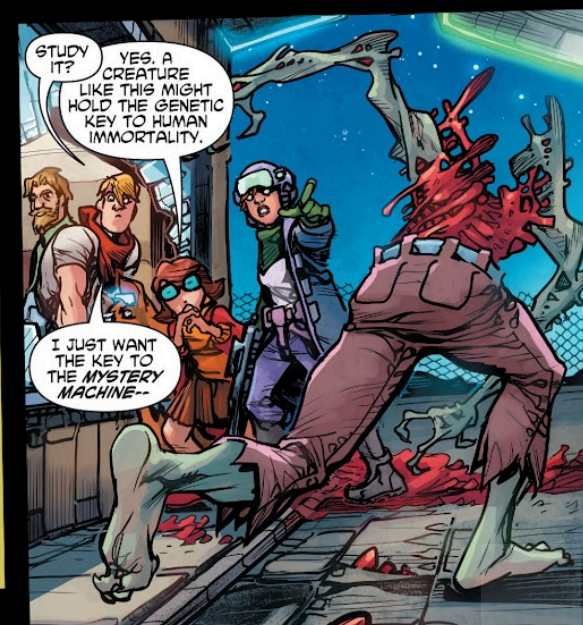
LOOK AT
THAT DOG
GO AT IT!

GUESS
I WAS
RIGHT--

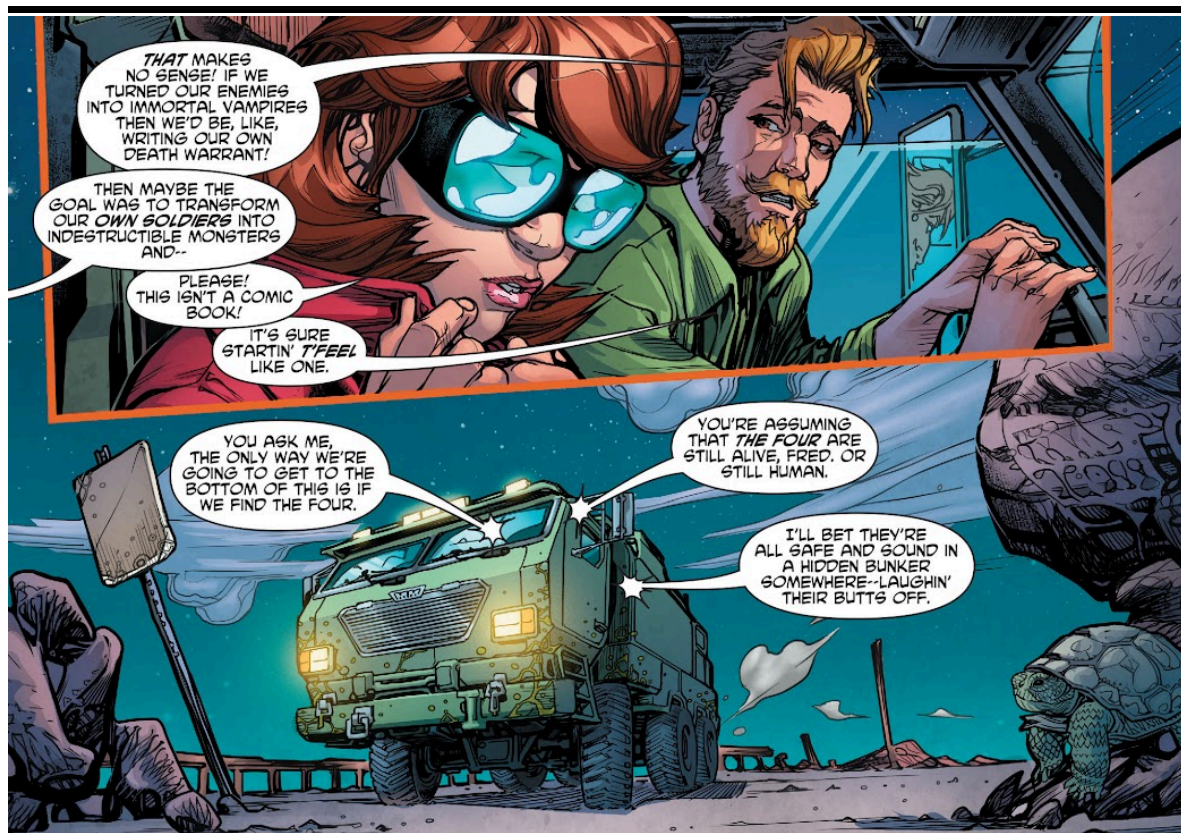












THAT MAKES NO SENSE! IF WE TURNED OUR ENEMIES INTO IMMORTAL VAMPIRES THEN WE'D BE, LIKE, WRITING OUR OWN DEATH WARRANT!

THEN MAYBE THE GOAL WAS TO TRANSFORM OUR OWN SOLDIERS INTO INDESTRUCTIBLE MONSTERS AND--

PLEASE! THIS ISN'T A COMIC BOOK!

IT'S SURE STARTIN' T'FEEL LIKE ONE.

YOU ASK ME, THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS IS IF WE FIND THE FOUR.

YOU'RE ASSUMING THAT *THE FOUR* ARE STILL ALIVE, FRED. OR STILL HUMAN.

I'LL BET THEY'RE ALL SAFE AND SOUND IN A HIDDEN BUNKER SOMEWHERE--LAUGHIN' THEIR BUTTS OFF.



YOU SPEAK OF THEM AS IF *THEY'RE* THE MONSTERS.

WELL, AREN'T THEY?

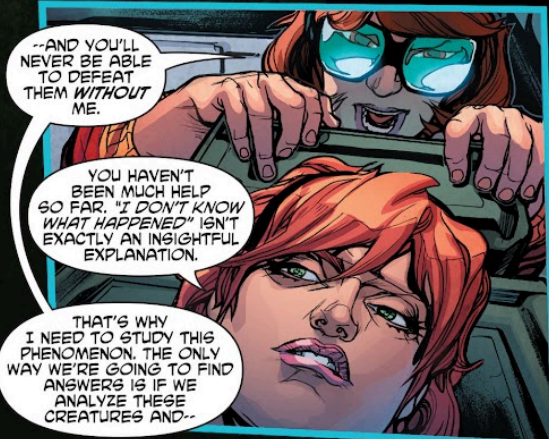
NO! I KEEP TELLING YOU THAT THEIR INTENTIONS WERE NOBLE AND--



IF I HEAR YOU SAY THAT *ONE MORE TIME*--

--I'M GOING TO THROW YOU OUT OF THIS VAN AND LEAVE YOU TO THE MERCIES OF THE ZOMBIE HORDES.

THEY'RE NOT ZOMBIES, THEY'RE VAMPIRES--



--AND YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM *WITHOUT* ME.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN MUCH HELP SO FAR. "I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED" ISN'T EXACTLY AN INSIGHTFUL EXPLANATION.

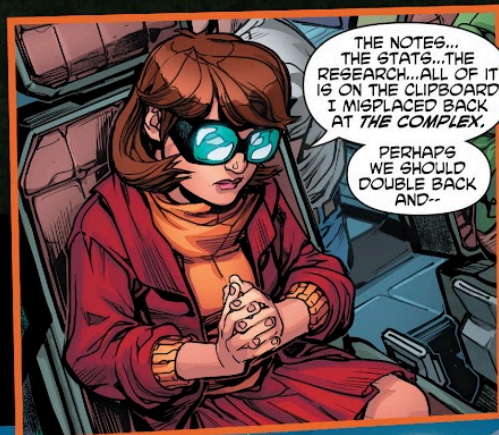
THAT'S WHY I NEED TO STUDY THIS PHENOMENON. THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO FIND ANSWERS IS IF WE ANALYZE THESE CREATURES AND--



THEY'RE NOT CREATURES--THEY'RE *HUMAN BEINGS*! AT LEAST THEY WERE BEFORE YOU AND YOUR "NOBLE" FRIENDS GOT YOUR HANDS ON THEM!

I'M TELLING YOU, THE *FOUR* DIDN'T DO THIS! SOMETHING ELSE TRIGGERED THE NANITES! SOME UNKNOWN FACTOR IS AT WORK HERE AND--

THE ONLY "UNKNOWN FACTOR," DINKLEY--IS YOU! YOU KNOW MORE THAN YOU'RE TELLING US AND--





"--INTO THE MYSTERY."

LOOK AT THIS MESS!

I ALWAYS KNEW HUMANS WERE INEPT-- BUT *THIS* TIME?

THEY'VE REALLY SCREWED THE POOCH.

SO TO SPEAK.

GOOD NEWS IS THESE MUTATED MORONS DON'T SEEM INTERESTED IN US. BAD NEWS IS--

YEAH, YEAH--I KNOW YOU'RE HUNGRY-- BUT CAN'T YOU USE YOUR WORDS INSTEAD OF THOSE STUPID EMOTICONS?

AM I THE ONLY ONE WHOSE ARTICULATION IMPLANT DIDN'T BURN OUT WHEN THE POWER AT THE COMPLEX WENT ON THE FRITZ?

I MEAN, WE'RE SUPPOSED T'BE *SMART DOGS*...SO HOW ABOUT ACTING LIKE IT?

TRUTH IS, WE'RE *ALL* GONNA BE DROOLING IDIOTS AGAIN IF WE DON'T UPGRADE. OUR CYBERPARTS AREN'T GONNA LAST FOREVER.



WHICH IS WHY
WE'VE GOTTA
FIND THAT IDIOT
SCOOBY-DOO
AND THOSE
HUMANS HE RAN
OFF WITH.
WHAT? OF
COURSE YOU
DON'T SMELL
THEM! THEY RAN
OFF IN KRESS'
MYSTERY
MACHINE--

SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF



--BUT WE'LL
FIND 'EM. AND WHEN
WE DO WE'LL FORCE
THAT DOCTOR DINKLEY
TO UPGRADE US
AND--
OKAY,
OKAY, I GET IT!
YOU WANNA
EAT!



SO WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? GO
HUNT UP SOME MEAT AND DIG IN!
MAYBE THEN WE CAN
FINALLY GET ON THE ROAD AND FIND
DINKLEY AND THE OTHERS.

?SIGH:
I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
ENDED UP AS
LEADER OF
THIS PACK OF
IDIOTS.



I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENED
TO HUCKP. HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM SINCE
THE POWER WENT
DOWN.
NOW THERE WAS A DECENT
CONVERSATIONALIST----
--ALTHOUGH I'LL
NEVER UNDERSTAND
WHERE HE GOT THAT
SOUTHERN DRAWL
FROM.



LOOK AT
'EM. GEEZ, WHAT
A BUNCH OF
ANIMALS.

BUT THEY'RE GOOD
AT FOLLOWING ORDERS--
AND, AS LONG AS THEY'RE
USEFUL TO ME, I'LL KEEP
'EM AROUND.

CHOMMMMP

ROWWR

GRUFF



AND BETTER
THEM THAN THAT MORON
SCOOBY-DOO. I DESPISE
THAT SOFT-HEARTED
WEAKLING, AND ONCE WE
TRACK DINKLEY DOWN--
--I'M GONNA RIP
THAT NOT-SO-GREAT
DANE INTO A DOZEN
PIECES.
SO WATCH YOUR
BACK,
SCOOBERT--





ARE YOU CRYING?

MERELY AN EFFICIENT WAY FOR THE BODY TO ELIMINATE STRESS HORMONES.

I MEAN, AFTER ALL... A WOMAN LIKE ME COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE FEELINGS.

LOOK, NO ONE'S GETTING LEFT BEHIND. I KNOW I'VE BEEN HARSH WITH YOU... MAYBE TOO HARSH... BUT WE NEED YOU, VELMA.



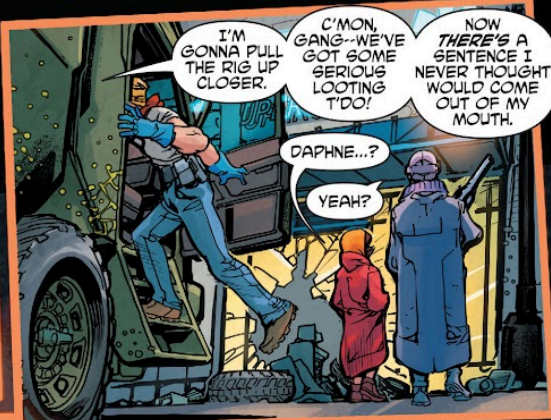
THIS... THIS TEAM ISN'T GOING TO MAKE IT WITHOUT YOU.

WELL, WHADDAYOU KNOW? YOU'RE BONDING!

WE'RE NOT BONDING! WE'RE JUST--

NEVER MIND! WHAT DO YOU WANT, FRED?

SCOOB WAS RIGHT. LOOKS CLEAR INSIDE.



I'M GONNA PULL THE RIG UP CLOSER.

C'MON, GANG--WE'VE GOT SOME SERIOUS LOOTING T'DO!

NOW THERE'S A SENTENCE I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD COME OUT OF MY MOUTH.

DAPHNE...?

YEAH?



I...AH...JUST WANT TO SAY THAT YOUR ATTEMPT AT A COMPASSIONATE INTERACTION WAS... UM...NOTED AND APPRECIATED.

IF THAT WAS A "THANK YOU," THEN I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS.

BUT FOR THE RECORD--

--YOU'RE WELCOME.



IT'S A TOTAL MESS IN THERE-- BUT THERE'S LOTS TO SALVAGE.

FOOD, ELECTRONICS, MEDS, CLOTHING.

I WAS NEVER A FAN OF BIG-BOX STORES...MY FOLKS OWNED A LITTLE GROCERY AND PLACES LIKE THIS PUT 'EM OUT OF BUSINESS... BUT I'VE GOTTA ADMIT--

--WE'VE HIT THE MOTHER-LODE.



I HOPE SCOOPY-DOO IS RIGHT ABOUT THE STORE BEING CLEAR--

--CAUSE THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES IN THERE FOR A THOUSAND CREEPY-CRAWLIES TO BE HIDING.









THAT'S DISGUSTING!!
WHAT KIND OF
GHOUL ARE
YOU?!

SHOULD
WE GO SEE
WHAT SHE'S
SCREAMING
ABOUT?

NAH. I KNOW
THAT TONE. DAPHNE'S
ABOUT TO CALL VELMA
EVERY NAME IN THE
BOOK...AND A FEW
THAT AREN'T.

SHE CAN
BE A LITTLE
EXCITABLE.



A
LITTLE?

DAPHNE'S
A PASSIONATE
WOMAN. SHE REALLY
CARES, ABOUT
EVERYTHING.

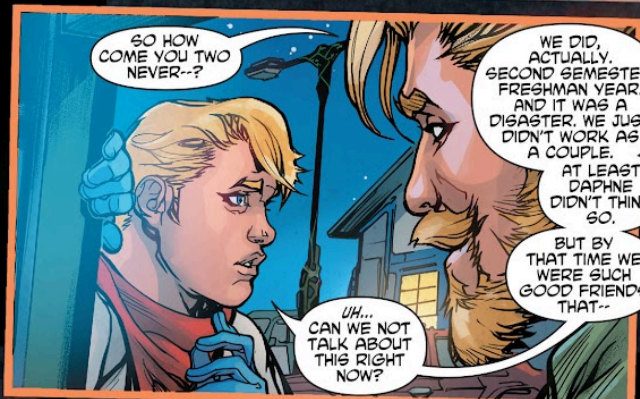
WELL,
ALMOST
EVERYTHING.

YOU'VE GOT
IT BAD, HAVEN'T
YOU?



SIGH: I'VE
BEEN IN LOVE
WITH HER SINCE THE
MOMENT SHE FIRST
WALKED INTO FILM
STUDIES 101.

I'D SIT
THERE LISTENING TO
HER TALKING ABOUT
CHIMES AT MIDNIGHT OR
THE SEVENTH SEAL--
AND I'D JUST MELT
IN MY CHAIR.



SO HOW
COME YOU TWO
NEVER--?

WE DID,
ACTUALLY.
SECOND SEMESTER,
FRESHMAN YEAR.
AND IT WAS A
DISASTER. WE JUST
DIDN'T WORK AS
A COUPLE.

AT LEAST
DAPHNE
DIDN'T THINK
SO.

BUT BY
THAT TIME WE
WERE SUCH
GOOD FRIENDS
THAT--

UH...
CAN WE NOT
TALK ABOUT
THIS RIGHT
NOW?



NO PROBLEM. IT'S NOT LIKE
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU ANY EXPERT
ADVICE ON WOMEN. MOST OF MY
RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN, LIKE,
TOTAL DISASTERS.

OF COURSE,
NOW THE *WHOLE*
WORLD'S A
TOTAL DISASTER,
SO--

WE DON'T
KNOW THAT. THIS
CONTAGION MIGHT
BE LOCALIZED.

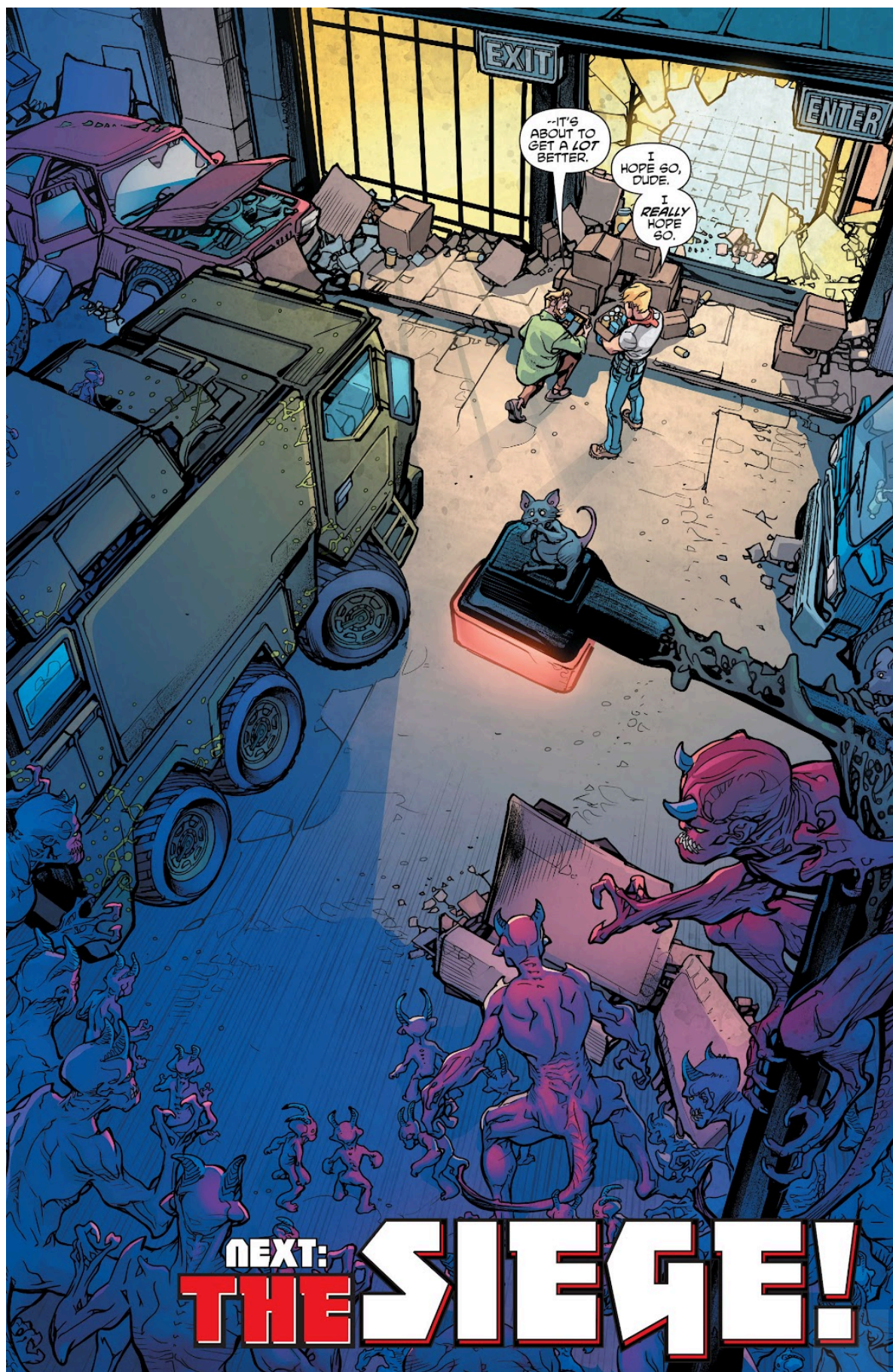
YOU
REALLY THINK
SO? I MEAN,
TAKE A
LOOK
AROUND.



THIS PLACE IS
TOTALLY DESERTED.
DOES THAT EVEN
MAKE SENSE?

NOTHING
MAKES SENSE
ANMORE.

BUT I'M
AN OPTIMIST AT
HEART. AND I
REALLY BELIEVE
THAT, HOWEVER
BAD THINGS SEEM
RIGHT NOW--



--IT'S ABOUT TO GET A LOT BETTER.

I HOPE SO, DUDE.
I REALLY HOPE SO.

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